



SENATOR RUNNER'S WEEK IN REVIEW

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Senator Runner's 2006 Legislation

This year I introduced a robust legislative package of tough public safety measures, tax credits to help Californians and businesses, health care reform, and critical measures important to my constituents in Senate District 17. We were successful in passing some good legislation that will prove to be beneficial. We also had legislation killed by the liberal majority in the Legislature that would have helped businesses, lowered taxes and increased public safety.

This week I wanted to provide you with an update of the legislation we were able to pass this year which has either been signed into law or is pending at the Governor's desk for his signature.

News of the Week

[Runner Making Push to Create
AV Higher Education Joint Powers Authority](#)

[Runner Legislation Would Aid Community Colleges](#)

[Power Plants in Victorville and Palmdale Clears Hurdle](#)

[Runner's Health Bill Ready for State Approval](#)

[Governor Vetoes Job Killer Bill Aimed at Large Retailers](#)

[Agency's Director Lauds Caltrans-formation](#)

[Brush Fire Near Castaic Closed I-5 This Week](#)

[9/11 Remembered](#)

Legislation Signed into Law

These measures have been signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and most will go into effect on January 1, 2007.

Senate Bill 144 is landmark food safety legislation which will improve and update California's entire food safety code. This was worked on for several years by industry and regulators and was based on the best available food safety science. This measure will go into effect on July 1, 2007.

Chapter 23, Statutes of 2006

Senate Bill 162 (Ortiz and Runner) is sponsored by Governor Schwarzenegger and will split the Department of Health Services to create the new Department of Public Health to focus on protecting public safety. This legislation has a fiscal-neutrality provision.

Chapter 241, Statutes of 2006

Senate Bill 221 is technical clean-up legislation for SB 143 which was signed last year to create a distinct economic region for the Antelope Valley. This new law will start to distinguish the Antelope Valley as a separate economic region. The law would help the Antelope Valley attract more businesses, as the data will demonstrate that it is more affordable and business friendly than other parts of Southern California

Chapter 173, Statutes of 2006

Senate Bill 535 will allow the City of Victorville to use the design-build process on public works projects in the city which will save taxpayer dollars.

Chapter 244, Statutes of 2006

Senate Bill 912 (Ducheny and Runner) is a measure that eliminated the 5 percent cut to Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for physicians and medical providers. This law went into effect in March 2006.

Chapter 8, Statutes of 2006

Senate Bill 1232 is a measure sponsored by the California Medical Board that clarifies the law regarding out-of-state physicians who desire to practice medicine in California.

Chapter 133, Statutes of 2006

Senate Bill 1247 is sponsored by the Attorney General and is clean-up legislation regarding fingerprint rolling.

Chapter 141, Statutes of 2006

Senate Bill 1812 will eliminate current hurdles relative to environmental permits in order to accelerate road projects delivery. This important reform was adopted in the transportation bond which will be on the November ballot as Proposition 1B.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 93 will rename a portion of I-5 for the "Newhall Four," four brave CHP officers killed in the line of duty.

Res. Chapter 92, Statutes of 2006

Bills Pending at Governor's Desk

These measures have passed the Legislature and Governor Schwarzenegger has until September 30, 2006 to sign or veto the measure.

Senate Bill 475 is a measure sponsored by the City of Santa Clarita which addresses current water salinity issues in the Santa Clara River by means of a local vote.

Senate Bill 896 is technical clean-up legislation for SB 159 which was signed last year to incentivize hospitals and law enforcement to enter into reasonable agreements for reimbursement costs for care given to individuals in law enforcement custody.

Senate Bill 1260 (Ortiz and Runner) provides important protections for women who choose to donate their eggs through multi-egg extraction. This measure includes written informed consent and many important safeguards.

Senate Bill 1290 (Ducheny and Runner) would allow community colleges to use the uniform building code instead of the more arduous and bureaucratic Field Act. This important reform was also adopted in the school bond which will be on the November ballot as Proposition 1D.

Senate Bill 1303 will eliminate the five percent concurrent enrollment cap for high school students to take community college courses in the summer. Currently, the enrollment cap keeps high school students from accessing community college classes and furthering their education during the summer.

Senate Bill 1304 will allow community colleges to use capital outlay state funds to acquire existing government-owned or privately owned property for much-needed facilities. This legislation will cut costs and provide more tools by allowing community college districts to meet their facilities needs without construction.

Senate Bill 1596 creates a public-private fund where counties can apply for funding in a 50 percent match for a nurse-family partnership program. These programs have been proven to help decrease infant death rates.

Senate Bill 1724 will reduce bureaucratic processes in the California State University's vendor system.

Senate Bill 1807 is a measure to allow the Department of General Services to lease, sell or transfer vacated surplus property in the City of Hesperia.

Senate Bill 1835 (Florez and Runner) will prohibit an enforcement agency from issuing a solid waste facilities permit and the California Integrated Waste Management Board from concurring in the issuance of a solid waste facilities permit for a solid waste facility approved by a local initiative measure, unless the solid waste facility is consistent with local, state, and federal law, including, but not limited to, local planning, zoning, conditional use permit, and other local requirements.

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